

warfare, furnished by the Lord. *Wiles*. Cunning plots and stratagems. *Devil*. The enemy we have to fight.

12, 13. *Wrestle*. An individual hand to hand struggle. So is our warfare. *Flesh—blood*. Were not Jerusalem's mobs and Rome's persecution flesh and blood conflicts? They were, but back of all these Paul recognized the real foe, the devil. *Principalities—powers*. The powers of the unseen world of evil. *Rulers*. The bad powers which control this depraved world. The devil is a usurper of our Lord's righteous kingdom. *Wickedness*. Our spiritual antagonists are not only powerful, but they are wicked. *Wherefore*. In view of the foes against whom we have to contend. *Evil day*. In the dark crisis, when the battle must be fought. *To stand*. Firm, immovable. It may be harder to stand firm in battle than to march.

14-17. In these verses are described the various parts of the armor, or the soldier's uniform. *Girdle of truth*. Sincerity, frankness to God and man. This virtue keeps together the flowing robes of our life. *Breastplate of righteousness*. Uprightness of character is the Christian's strongest defense. *Feet shod*. Ready for duty. *Shield of faith*. A strong trust in God will protect the heart and head. *Helmet of salvation*. Assurance of salvation. *Sword*. This is the word of God. It is what Christ used in his battle with Satan in the wilderness.

The Lesson Applied

1. *Strong in the Lord*.—In concluding his argument the apostle urges the importance of being strong in the Lord. How can we be strong in the Lord? Is it a matter over which we have any control? Can we be stronger physically than we really are? It is possible to increase our physical strength, much more our spiritual strength. To do this two things are necessary: 1. Proper food. He who would become strong in the Lord must feed on the food that will promote strength. This the Christian will find in God's word. On this he should feed daily. The reason there are so many weakly Christians, unable to withstand the temptations of life, is that they starve their souls, or endeavor to feed them on trash. Feed on the word each day. 2. Another essential to spiritual strength is proper exercise. The Christian needs to exercise constantly in spiritual things, for in this way alone can he become strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

2. *Our Enemy*.—In a physical warfare physical means are to be used, but ours is not such a warfare. It is not a battle against flesh and blood, kings and governments, it is a spiritual warfare, a battle fought on the field of the human heart. Selfishness, evil habits, worldliness, the lusts of the flesh, evil desires, ungodliness, unbelief, hate, greediness, covetousness, these are the enemies that attack the Christian on every hand, and to win in this mighty conflict he needs to be strong in the Lord. It is a warfare, one that lasts not only one day, but a con-

tinuous warfare that will in the end mean either victory or defeat. Which shall it be?

3. *The Christian Armor*.—It is a blessed thought that in this warfare God has provided for us a complete armor. We need not depend on human strength. The battle is the Lord's and he provides the means to carry it on to victory. He furnishes the weapons of warfare. He has provided a complete uniform for the Christian and all the Christian has to do is to put on the armor and go to battle. We must learn, however, how to use this armor. To make a good soldier constant drill is necessary; so the soldier of the Lord should constantly exercise and train himself in those things which make him more skillful in the use of the armor.

To Make You Think

1. Can a man become physically stronger than he is? 2. How? 3. How can we become spiritually stronger? 4. Why are so many Christians weak? 5. What is the gospel uniform? 6. Who furnishes it? 7. What enemy do we have to fight? 8. How may we overcome this enemy? 9. Is there an enemy the Christian can not overcome? 10. What was the most decisive battle ever fought? 11. Is there any excuse for a Christian yielding to temptation? 12. If not, why not? 13. Why do we so often fail in overcoming? 14. When, how and for whom should we pray?

Thoughts For Young People

Thoughts Concerning the Christian Warfare

1. Everyone who intends to be earnest in the service of the Lord must expect to find opposition and experience a warfare.
2. We have foes that are insidious, invisible and mighty.
3. We need, therefore, strength from on high to resist them successfully.
4. We must have firmness of will and persevering steadfastness in the struggle of life.
5. We need armor for every part, in order to be prepared for attack at any point.
6. We require but one offensive weapon, the word of God in our hands as on our tongues.
7. We need to watch and to wrestle in prayer as well as to fight, if we would win success.

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OUR CHICAGO LETTER

THE GOSPEL WAGON

Some time ago I told you of a young man who made his way from Philadelphia to Chicago, walking from Johnstown, Pa. After attending my lecture on Chicago there, he rested at our place, took in our conference, did some work for us, and entered Moody's service, taking charge of the gospel wagon. I received a letter from him in Tennessee in which he says, "Our gospel wagon is very convenient and comfortable both for living in and holding meetings. The Lord is blessing us and we are enjoying good health. We expect to pass thro Mississippi as soon as the fever dies out and from there we will follow the Gulf to Georgia and north to Ashville, N. C." We wish our brother great success, and feel glad that the West Side Mission helped make it possible for our brother to do this work.

A GOOD TESTIMONY

Sister Stowell is now living in Kansas, her husband being engaged in business there. In a letter to a member of the family she says, "I went to a Baptist prayer meeting, had an invitation to a card party right across the way, but I preferred the prayer meeting. Nearly all the people that I have met call themselves Christians and they are church members, but oh such a difference from the church members that I have been with, the dear mission people. At the prayer meeting nearly every one came and spoke to me after meeting and wanted to know what church I belonged to. I said, 'The Brethren, and you must know something about them as there are quite a number out here.' One lady said, 'Oh, they are the ones that believe in trine immersion.' 'Yes, indeed,' I said. She asked, 'Have you been immersed that way?' I said, 'Yes!' 'Thank the Lord,' she said, 'you are all right. Come and worship with us.' There is a good Christian. The prayers of the mission follow sister Jennie in her new home.

ASHAMED OF HER NAME

Sister Stowell on her way to Kansas met a lady who said she knew myself, had heard of Miss Gibbons, but had no use for anyone who washed feet. She refused to give her name. She was from Carleton, Neb. Well, no wonder she failed to give her name, but I never knew any one in Carleton that was that dirty. Some of you folks out that way had better preach that cleanliness is next to godliness. It is surprising what some people believe, and then how they express their creed. As for me I will not repudiate